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Dear Wendy Dixon,

This letter is to tell you that we need an extension for the comment period for the Draft EIS for the Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain.

1 The extension is necessary in order to allow for Native people of the region to come together on their own terms to talk about the Draft EIS and to comment on the document. The extension will be until the end of April or first week of May and will be specifically for Native American community members to make comment - after we have had a chance to get together and discuss this most important issue.

This is a very serious thing that you are proposing at Yucca Mountain. It is important that all the people get to comment on the EIS. The Native people need to have their own meeting. According to your own law you should have communication with the people. You have been having meetings with your own agency, more of your own staff come to the meeting than any one else. During your meetings you time us and give us a very short time to speak out. Your people take so much time. The process is not working at all. The Indian people have a lot of knowledge to share with you - they have lived here for thousands and thousands of years. You are telling us that your science will work. We are concerned with the water and with the land and you seem to not care for the life. You are using people when you say that you have talked to the people.

I'm asking for an extension. If you really want our comments you should not only give us more time, but you should also finance our get together. I'm going to get the Native people together to discuss the DEIS and when we make our decision we will let you know. We will sit down with you at the end of April or first week in May to tell you our decision. You are not the only ones that make decisions on the land. I will look for your reply soon.

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**Regarding: Yucca Mountain and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

To the Native people throughout the country,

I hope that we realize what the Department Of Energy (DOE) is doing to us, putting poison into the Mother Earth without our consent . As a Native people we go according to what this Earth is telling us. We have to get the word from Nature - the Nature has helped us survive for thousands and thousands of years. It has raised food for us and provided us with all different kinds of berries. We have to realize that the radiation, these poisons, have taken over the land. It is killing all our food. It's killing all our medicine that we have survived on for thousands and thousands of years .

Together we can have our voice heard. I'm telling the DOE we need more time to unify ourselves together. Let's all ask for an extension on the DEIS. We have a very short time to do it in, the deadline is now set for February 28th. I'm asking for an extension into the last part of April or first week in May. According to their own law (NEPA), they need to consult with us, the Native people, and they are not doing that. How could they have consulted with us when they released the nuclear waste transportation maps, only a few weeks ago. Please write a letter to the DOE and send me a copy here. We are the land owners, we are the ones that can't go anywhere. This is our home land that we have to protect. This is a very serious matter so please have a strong thought on this.

We as a Native people have to unify ourselves together so we can talk about all this, instead of allowing the DOE to use our land for a bad thing. We all know these chemicals and radiation are creating a bad thing for this Earth. We are all missing our birds that were put here with us. They used to enjoy us by singing their songs. They are not here anymore - same with the animal life that we have survived on for many, many years.

So my people throughout the country, we can support each other. Those are the reasons why I am asking each and every one of you to join hands together - so our voice can be heard. I hope you, the Native people can really look at this issue. We have been used by this government too long. I would like to hear from you people. Let's all put our thoughts together and inform me of what your thoughts are.

This is what I am asking you to do;

- 1) Sign on to this letter to the Department of Energy. Let me know if you can lend your name to the letter. You can leave a message for me at (760) 852-4288 or at (702) 647-3095.
- 2) Please send letters supporting this request for the extension of the comment period for the Native people on the DOE's Draft EIS for the Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain.

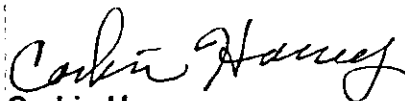
Write your own letter before February 28<sup>th</sup> to the following people:

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We the Native people have to put a stop to this nonsense of the Department of Energy.



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